IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Reiner HAMMERICH et al.) Group Art Unit: 2192
Application No.: 10/676,825) Examiner: Dao, T.
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For: VALIDATING PROGRAMS	Confirmation No.: 3059

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2009, the period for response to which extends through April 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.